(c) As per the approved scheme the scheduled date of completion is March, 1996 on Indo-Bangladesh Border and by December, 1996 on Indo-Pak Borler.

Attack on Journalist

137. SHRI MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the official call of 'Halla Bol' given by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh; if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto; and

(b) whether it is a fact that there have been planned an premeditated attacks on 'Amar Ujala' and 'Dainik Jagran newspapers recently and if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government to protect the freedom of press in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Reports regarding the 'Halla Bol' call have come to the notice of Central Government Information on the subject has been sought from the State Government which is still awaiedt.

Amendment of Rules of Business

139. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the exact subjects or parts of the normal working of the Home Ministry which have now gone to the Prime Minister's office;

(b) whether the Rules of Business have been accordingly amended and if so, when;

(c) whether this arrangement would create administrative difficulties; and

(d) whether the arrangement is temporary or permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M SAYEED): (a) A separate department called the Department of Jammu & Kashmir Affairs was created with effect from 1st November, 1994 to deal with (i) constitutional provisions with respect to the State of Jammu and Kashmir and (ii) all matters relating to the State of Jammu and Kashmir excluding those with which the Ministry of External Affairs is concerned.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The arrangement will continue until further orders.

Surrender of notorious smuggler Veerappan

139. SHRI V. NARAYANA SAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the notorious sandalwood smuggler, Shri Veerappan have offered recently to surrender provided his life and the lives of his fellowmen and their family members are spared; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government and steps proposed to be taken to accept this offer and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M SAYEED): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recovery of explosives in Jangpura

140. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recovery of crude bombs in large number from the custody of